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♦ **Building a University:**

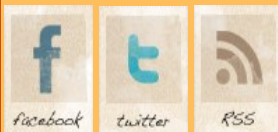
Phase I Construction

featuring photographs
and sketches of the first
phase of the permanent
campus construction

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Ten Years Ago (January 2006)

Disc Golf Flies Onto Campus

A nine-hole Innova disc golf course was announced, to be installed between the soccer field and tennis courts, according to the University Recreational Program Assistant Wes Davis. "Disc golf is mostly played in parks. There is a series of targets or baskets, and you try to throw a disc into the basket in as few tries as possible." Davis asked the Student Government Association for financial assistance with the project during a general meeting in November. The SGA allocated \$2,000 to the project in exchange for advertising on course signs. The total cost of the course equipment was estimated at \$2,625. Davis agreed the Patriot Center would provide the additional funds to complete the installation of the course as well as provide custom signs for each hole. "It's all about the Frisbee-golf. We love it," Bob Hepler, Patriot Center Director said. "It will be really nice to have a course on campus because I can go between class and shoot a few holes," Kyle Joyce, a University student said. According to Davis, the University would have its first disc golf tournament on April 1, 2006. "The University is growing in many areas. We have a great opportunity to provide something else for the students to do. It suits us because of our campus' unique park-like atmosphere," Davis said. *By Adrienne Graham, Patriot Talon, January 23, 2006*

Twenty Years Ago (January 1996)

Nonresident Tuition Rates Reduced

George F. Hamm announced that the Higher Education Coordinating Board approved a reduction in nonresident tuition rates at the University of Texas at Tyler for residents of three adjoining states. The Coordinating Board's action allowed the University to set reduced nonresident tuition rates for residents of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, effective with the spring 1996 semester. The reduction, approved earlier by The University of Texas System Board of Regents, provided residents of states within 100 miles of the University a rate equal to the rate for Texas residents plus \$30 per semester credit hour. Regular nonresident tuition for

1995-96, established by the Coordinating Board, was \$222 per semester credit hour. Tuition for Texas residents, set by the Texas Legislature, was \$30 per semester credit hour. The reduced rates followed passages of House Bill 1792 by the 74th Texas Legislature, which included the addition of Section 54.0601 to the Texas Education Code. The section stated that "the Coordinating Board may set a nonresident tuition rate that is lower than the resident tuition rate" based on a written request from the governing board of a general academic teaching institution located not more than 100 miles from the boundary of Texas with another state.

Snapshot



ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP ESTABLISHED — The Dr. Ben R. Fisch Endowed Professorship, created by a gift of \$200,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Ornelas of Tyler, has been established at UT Tyler. Shown, from left, are Joseph and Louise Ornelas, Maytee and Ben R. Fisch, and President George F. Hamm.

Thirty Years Ago (January 1986)

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Created

Dr. George Hamm, President of The University of Texas at Tyler, announced the establishment of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and named UT Tyler graduate student David English as the first recipient of the annual \$1,000 award. "In keeping with the national observance of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The University of Texas at Tyler joins with the rest of the nation in recognizing the contributions of this civil rights leader," Dr. Hamm stated. "We believe awarding this annual scholarship to students of the talent and potential of David English is an excellent way of helping achieve the dream of Dr. King through the young people of our nation." English, the inaugural scholarship recipient, was in his second semester at UT Tyler working toward a Master of Fine Arts. In the fall 1985 semester he was honored as an Outstanding Young Man of America. English said, "I feel greatly honored to be the first recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship at The University of Texas at Tyler. Dr. King serves as a leadership model for young black scholars everywhere and the accomplishments of his career challenge all of us to work to fulfill his dream for America."

Employee Film Screened

An employee film, "When I Say No I Feel Guilty," was shown on Thursday, Jan. 23 in ADM 127 at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The film was based on Dr. Manual J. Smith's bestselling book on assertiveness training. The film starred Smith, June Lockhart, and consultant Fred Sherman. It taught individuals how to cope with problems and conflicts at work or in life, and how to deal with criticism and verbal manipulation to better achieve goals. All employees were encouraged to attend.

Forty Years Ago (January 1976)

Communications Skills Lab To Open

Mrs. Marketta Tefteller, a graduate of Texas Eastern with a master's degree in reading, was named as the Director of the Communication Skills Laboratory. The laboratory was housed in Room 208 of the North Campus. It was available to students for 14 hours each week. The purpose of the lab was to assist in updating students' communication skills. The lab was designed to give students the opportunity to continue to improve in areas of reading, writing, vocabulary development and mechanics of English. Materials for the lab included tapes, film strips, and workbooks. All instruction was on a one-to-one basis. The program was developed by the Student Life Office.

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